

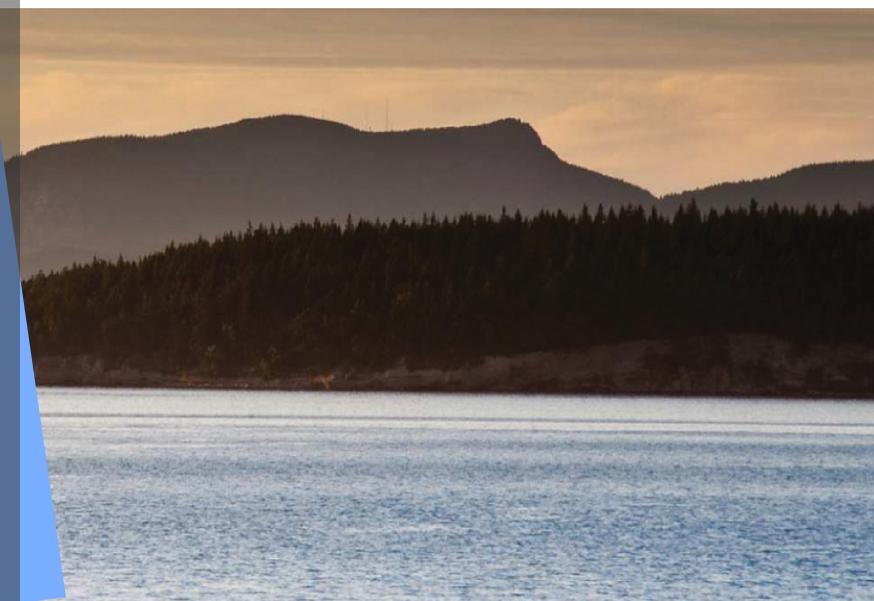


## About Us

We share a belief that health is about more than health care, and by working together, we can ensure better health for the people who live in our region, while reducing disparities and enhancing health equity.

We are one of nine ACHs engaged in work to support the Medicaid Transformation Project. Each ACH is governed by an independent Board of Directors, responsible for convening local leaders from multiple sectors to collaborate on current and future projects.

To date, 60 organizations from across our five counties are working together in innovative ways to improve health and supportive services that will advance health, wellbeing and equity across our region.



## ABOUT US

### We have made commitments to:

- work with public and private sector partners
- create innovative and community-led solutions
- advance equity
- embed the perspective of clients, patients and community members
- look for solutions that include and go beyond traditional health care
- use ACH funds to leverage other opportunities in the region
- operate in a lean, efficient manner
- be accountable and transparent

## BOARD MEMBERS

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Council Member Bill Watson	San Juan County Council
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## OUR CURRENT PROJECTS

### Care Coordination

Improving care coordination and communications across care settings to identify people before there is a crisis, to improve care during periods of transition, and avoid unnecessary emergency department, inpatient and jail experiences.

### Care Integration

Aligning clinical care of physical and behavioral health providers with managed care's integrated payment models, and finding ways to embed oral health care in primary care settings.

### Care Transformation

Transforming the delivery of primary care, oral health and community-based services, and partnering to implement the region's opioid plan.

### Capacity Building

Alongside project-specific activities, there are efforts underway to address workforce challenges, prepare organizations to take on more advanced outcomes-based contracts, increase use of population health assessment and tools, and advance use of information sharing technology.

### Tribal and Equity Learning

As the ACH region with the largest number of tribes, the North Sound ACH leadership and our implementation partners are engaged in a multi-year Tribal and Equity Learning journey. This includes facilitating advanced relationship building among partners, building relationships with the tribes, having dialogues about structural racism and privilege, and how those topics either enhance our ability to be transformative, or get in the way of us doing so.

This is based on our belief that a key component to sustainability is moving clinical and community-based partners in the public, private, and non-profit sectors from silos, toward learning and acting together.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*The North Sound region, home to more than 1.2M residents, is the second largest ACH (behind King County) in number of Medicaid lives at more than 270,000. We are leveraging the earnings from the Medicaid Transformation Project (estimated at ~\$100M) to bring other partners to invest in the work as we look forward.*

*One foundation has already begun a pilot with the North Sound ACH around oral health, providing support for staffing and implementation of community based strategies. We plan to build on that model with other funders and investors.*

*The North Sound Board of Directors have set caps on our earned funds, with an emphasis on a small infrastructure that supports partnering providers in the five-county region. That direction includes:*

- *No more than 10% of earnings can be used for administration*
- *10% of earnings is allocated to a community resilience fund*
- *2% of earnings is put in a reserve/contingency fund*
- *The balance of earnings will be used for initiatives and distributed to partnering providers to lead that work.*

*The Board of Directors is currently deliberating future strategic direction for the ACH. They hope to have that process decided by end of 2020.*

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